GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIAN DELEGATION TO UN
SHIVAJI MANE;UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had deputed a group of Non-officials as a part of the Indiandelegation to 55th regular session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the subjects covered by Indian delegates;

(c) whether some Non-official members had desired to speak in Hindi for promotion of Hindi language;

(d) if so, whether they were not allowed to speak in Hindi; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A list of the non-official members of the delegation is attached. The non-official members, each of whom was attached to a Committee of the General Assembly, participated in discussions and delivered statements on the various agenda items before the 55th General Assembly. The subjects covered by them included political issues, including the situation in the Middle East; Disarmament questions; economic issues including development and environment; human rights questions; humanitarian issues; decolonisation; administrative, financial and budgetary matters; and legal issues.

(c), (d) & (e) As there are no arrangements for simultaneous interpretation from Hindi into the official languages of the UN, it was not possible for the non-official members to deliver their statements in Hindi.